

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (f) The appropriate Government for giving permission for closure of industrial establishments, including Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), is clearly defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. In accordance with these provisions, the Central Government accorded permission for closure to RIC, BPMEL, & TAFCO after following the due procedure laid down in the I.D. Act. The concurrence of the State Governments was not required for this. The State Government is the appropriate authority on labour matters duly prescribed under the ID Act and can accord permission for closure of industrial establishments falling in the State sphere.

Ratification of ILO convention on Social Security Standards

1308. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working Group on Labour Policy for the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002) had recommended that the ILO convention on Social Security (Minimum) Standards, 1952 should be examined and efforts be made to ratify the same during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether Government would ratify the ILO Convention No. 102 of 1952 before the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Working Group on Labour Policy for the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002) had recommended that the ILO Convention No. 102 concerning Social Security (Minimum) Standards, 1952 should be examined and efforts be made to ratify the same during the 9th Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The question of ratification of the ILO Convention No. 102 has been examined by the Government from time to time. In India, at present there is no comprehensive social security against unemployment. However, other social security measures as envisaged by the ILO Convention No. 102 are by and large met under the

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existing social security Schemes of the country, especially the Employees State Insurance Scheme. Yet the coverage of the Scheme is not as wide as envisaged under the Convention. The resource position of the country at this stage of development does not facilitate ratification of the Convention immediately.

Non-payment of wages

1309. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Nexgen Technologies Ltd., 6-3-609/140/A, Annapurna Enclave, Andani Nagar Colony Khairatabad, Hyderabad and 202, Manjeera Square, Anandpur, Hyderabad are not paying salaries to its staff since November, 2000; whether any complaints were received in the offices of PF/Labour Commissioner, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the company for protecting interest of the staff and directing it to pay their wages;

(c) whether M/s. Nexgen Technologies has defaulted in depositing P.F. with authorities as per rules since its inception; and

(d) the details thereof and the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.